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MEMORANDUM FOR DD/I

SUBJECT : NIS Interim Report to USIB, and angles

1. Attached is a copy of the USIB-required 6-months report to USIB which has been sent to the Secretariat. It considerably re-phrases my draft, and reflects tedious negotiating with NIS Committee members who as I had expected have made a point of taking very literally the USIB direction for a Committee report as against the former Chairman reports. But it clearly shows progress, is acceptable, and should satisfy a USIB interest apt to be less than keen. However --

2. First, as you will recall, at the last minute of your briefing of the DCI [redacted] slid in this 6-month-report requirement. It is entirely possible that [redacted] in behalf of his Balmer compatriots now relegated to Emergency Planning, might make a personal effort to have USIB demand a patently full pound of flesh.

3. Potentially more important is the State aspect. Most of the "political" sections have been steam-rolled out of the scheduling but State has continued to grumble. The State member of the NIS Committee was pretty difficult about the attached, and indicated he went along only after hand-holding with Allan Evans and/or Hughes. As I have reported to you, it is evident that State would like to force CIA to produce for the NIS more of the former political units you ruled out, and/or to point a finger and argue for resultant necessity for INR to resume producing material in depth for Political Dynamics, etc. Therefore it is entirely possible that when the attached comes before USIB, Hughes, on his own or otherwise, might insist on USIB being given a more detailed report -- the real purpose of which would be to bring out how State's political requirements have been short-shrifted.

4. In such event you should be aware of the real rather than ostensible purposes, and should contrive to kill off any demand for more Report at this time. Pertinent fact : an Annual Report will be due in a few months. An expanded Report might require you to then or later publicly argue your position versus Hughes. I doubt if Defense cares but for the hell of it they might well side with a plea for more Political sections. If the attached hopefully slides through, presumably as a USIB Note, there will be no problem, but these possible gimmicks are to be borne in mind.

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